

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (New) An interior fitting for a vehicle comprising:

a support body,

a sensor-functional structure coupled to the support body; and

a covering layer coupled to the support body on a side facing the vehicle interior;

wherein different output signals may be generated by the sensor-functional structure as a function of the location of action thereupon;

wherein the covering layer is of flexible design and completely covers the sensor-functional structure.

42. (New) The interior fitting of claim 1 wherein the sensor-functional structure is a pressure-sensitive sensor.

43. (New) The interior fitting of claim 1 wherein the covering layer comprises one of a textile, a woven fabric, a leather, an artificial leather, or a film.

44. (New) The interior fitting of claim 1 wherein the covering layer is arranged directly on the sensor-functional structure.

45. (New) The interior fitting of claim 1 further comprising at least one compressible intermediate layer arranged between the covering layer and the sensor-functional structure.

46. (New) The interior fitting of claim 1 further comprising at least one compressible intermediate layer is arranged between the support body and the sensor-functional structure.

47. (New) The interior fitting of claim 46 wherein the compressible intermediate layer comprises a foam.

48. (New) The interior fitting of claim 46 wherein force-transmitting molded pieces of a stiff or semi-stiff material are arranged in the compressible intermediate layer.

49. (New) The interior fitting of claim 41 further comprising a visual orientation located on a side facing the interior.

50. (New) The interior fitting of claim 49 wherein an illuminating device is arranged below the covering layer.

51. (New) The interior fitting of claim 50 wherein the illuminating device is arranged between the support body and the covering layer.

52. (New) The interior fitting of claim 51 wherein the illuminating device comprises one of an electroluminescent film, an OLED, or a polyLED.

53. (New) The interior fitting of claim 49 wherein the visual orientation comprises images projected onto the covering layer.

54. (New) The interior fitting of claim 49 wherein the visual orientation comprises optical waveguides arranged in the covering layer and/or in the sensor-functional structure.

55. (New) The interior fitting of claim 41 further comprising a tactile orientation.

56. (New) The interior fitting of claim 55 wherein the tactile orientation comprises a structured molded component of a stiff or semi-stiff material.

57. (New) The interior fitting of claim 56 wherein the structured molded component comprises recesses.

58. (New) The interior fitting of claim 55 wherein the tactile orientation comprises changeable structures so that operation of the sensor-functional structure can be reconfigured.

59. (New) The interior fitting of claim 55 wherein the tactile orientation comprises regions of different surface temperature.

60. (New) The interior fitting of claim 41 further comprising an operating panel having a central region and a plurality of peripheral regions.

61. (New) The interior fitting of claim 60 wherein the peripheral regions of the operating panel are arranged in sectors around the central region.

62. (New) The interior fitting of claim 61 wherein the central region of the operating panel is round.

63. (New) The interior fitting of claim 62 wherein the peripheral regions of the operating panel completely surround the central region of the operating panel.

64. (New) The interior fitting of claim 60 further comprising a display device on which information can be displayed as a function of an operating mode.

65. (New) The interior fitting of claim 64 wherein different vehicle components can be operated by the operating panel as a function of the operating mode.

66. (New) The interior fitting of claim 41 wherein a continuous adjustment of a vehicle component which is to be operated is associated with the direction (x direction, y direction) and/or speed (dx/dt , dy/dt) of a continuous displacement of the location of action on the sensor-functional structure.

67. (New) The interior fitting of claim 41 wherein an adjustment of a vehicle component which is to be operated is associated with the pressure which is exerted on the sensor-functional planar structure.

68. (New) The interior fitting of claim 67 wherein a continuous adjustment of a vehicle component which is to be operated is associated with a continuous change of pressure.

69. (New) A method for the production of an interior fitting comprising:
providing a support body;
laminating a sensor-functional structure onto the support body; and
laminating a covering layer onto the sensor-functional planar structure.

70. (New) The method of claim 69 further comprising the step of forming a sandwich from the covering layer and the sensor-functional structure and laminating the sandwich onto the support body.

71. (New) The method of claim 70 further comprising laminating the sandwich onto the support body.

72. (New) The method of claim 70 wherein the covering layer is of gas-permeable design and the sensor-functional planar structure is positioned in relation thereto by application of a negative pressure on that surface of the covering layer that is on the side facing the interior.

73. (New) The method of claim 69 further comprising providing a composite by placing the covering layer and the sensor-functional structure into a die, filling an interior space between the covering layer and the sensor-functional structure with foam, and laminating the composite produced in this manner onto the support body.

74. (New) The method of claim 73 wherein the covering layer is plastically preformed before being placed into the die.

75. (New) An interior fitting for a vehicle comprising:
- a support body,
 - a touch-sensor coupled to the support body; and
 - a covering layer coupled to the support body on a side facing the vehicle interior and having an operating panel having a central region and a plurality of peripheral regions;
- wherein different output signals may be generated by the touch-sensor as a function of the location of action thereupon;
- wherein the covering layer is of flexible design and completely covers the touch-sensor.
76. (New) The interior fitting of claim 75 wherein the peripheral regions of the operating panel are arranged in sectors around the central region.
77. (New) The interior fitting of claim 76 wherein the central region of the operating panel is round.
78. (New) The interior fitting of claim 77 wherein the peripheral regions of the operating panel completely surround the central region of the operating panel.
79. (New) The interior fitting of claim 75 further comprising a display device on which information can be displayed as a function of an operating mode.
80. (New) The interior fitting of claim 79 wherein different vehicle components can be operated by the operating panel as a function of the operating mode.
81. (New) The interior fitting of claim 80 wherein the operating mode can be changed as a function of the actuation of the central region and/or of the peripheral regions of the operating panel.
82. (New) The interior fitting of claim 81 wherein operating modes are assigned the operation of vehicle components, wherein the components comprise one of air-

conditioning, ventilation, car radio, navigation device, telephone, audio configuration system, fuel information system, and/or mobility information system.

83. (New) The interior fitting of claim 82 wherein when the operating mode is set, the operation of the vehicle component assigned to the set operating mode takes place as a function of the actuation of the central region and/or of the peripheral regions of the operating panel.

84. (New) The interior fitting of claim 79 wherein actuation of the central region displays a list on the display device of functions that can be carried out and/or of information that can be displayed.

85. (New) The interior fitting of claim 84 wherein actuation of the central region enables a map excerpt to be displayed on the display device, to be displaced by a directional actuation, and to be changed in size by a rotary actuation.

86. (New) The interior fitting of claim 85 wherein actuation of the central region enables a configuration of the audio configuration system to be changed.